

A FRIENDLY REMINDER – A Re-Phrasing of Our Ministry Mission Statement

I recently received a question from an inquirer to our online ministry, who did not understand the purpose behind what we were doing. I provided her with a response and feel the need to share a similar one with everyone in all of our various networks, prior to embarking on a lengthy and detailed Biblical study of how the Christian can successfully cope with adversity. This is simply a friendly reminder of our ongoing commitment to serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in these last days of the Church Age on earth, where so much deception is misleading so many.

Rather than following the instructions and heeding the warnings of Jesus Christ and His apostles, recorded for us throughout the New Testament, contemporary Christians have strayed into a variety of pursuits that do not fulfill the Great Commission. This is especially true of those who regard themselves as Evangelical, as I do. I have seen it take place personally, since becoming a follower of Christ in 1980. At the beginning of that decade, the World War 2 generation was in charge of the Evangelical Christian faith in America, emphasizing evangelism and discipleship, and teaching sound doctrine, much to my spiritual benefit. But during that decade, their leadership waned; and was replaced by my generation of Baby Boomers, producing significant changes for the worse, as Evangelical Christianity in America transitioned away from an emphasis on evangelism and discipleship, toward an unbiblical fascination with politics and psychology.

I was caught up in this popular and persuasive movement to a certain extent. Until one day, God clarified for me what was occurring and why it was wrong. Ever since, I have taken a stance against this trend that has so captivated my fellow Evangelicals in America. This is the specific group I have been addressing and confronting, because I know them so well and exactly HOW they have been led astray, into believing that political activism can further the cause of Christ in our nation and our world. It can't. It won't. It never has and never will. Church history has proven, time and again, that when it is employed by Christians, political activism does far more harm than good.

The same is true of embracing the notion that secular psychology can somehow aid in the growth and development of the Christian. Psychology is excellent in providing us with a list of disorders and syndromes, confirming what we already know: that there is something wrong with us. But it cannot provide us with the POWER to overcome our shortcomings and sins, which each of us have in abundance. The power to become everything that God wants us to be, resides exclusively within the person of Jesus Christ, expressed in every follower of His, by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

I have carried out this online ministry with my wife, Carlene, for the past seven years, and plan to continue for the foreseeable future, Lord willing. Together, we are doing this for the express purpose of re-focusing everyone's attention on what Jesus wants us to do. Namely, evangelism and discipleship, in fulfillment of the Great Commission. Rather than what our fellow Evangelical Boomers are currently pursuing, in their foolish and unnecessary preoccupation with politics and psychology (Ephesians 5:15-17; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Colossians 2:8). We hope that you continue to interact with the Biblically-based teaching available through our online ministry; and that you find it to be a blessing. If you have any questions going forward, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely in Christ,

Henry and Carlene Igras >> Acts 28:31

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